

I believe that this legislation will help future administrations avoid the issues that seemed to plague this White House with reports that officials were using RNC e-mail accounts to conduct official business and then deleting those e-mails from servers. H.R. 5811 will enhance the transparency of government while ensuring an accurate historical record.

REMEMBERING BOSNIAN GENOCIDE VICTIMS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, as we commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, perpetrated by nationalist Serb forces predominantly against Bosniaks, Bosnian Muslims, it is time to pay tribute to the tragic episodes not only in Srebrenica, but also in other less-known places in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the spring of 1992, a deliberate, centrally planned, and well-organized campaign of ethnic cleansing, mass murder, rape, torture, and intimidation terrorized the civilian population throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and took the lives of 200,000 men, women, and children. Out of those, 8,000 perished in Srebrenica alone during a period of less than five days in July of 1995. In the end, 2 million Bosnians were displaced from their homes, and the country's rich cultural and religious heritage and monuments were deliberately destroyed. Shattered state institutions remain dysfunctional from the chaos and are struggling to cope with the significant loss of Bosnia's population. Today, survivors are battling post-traumatic stress disorder, orphans are still searching for their parents' remains, and new mass graves continue to be discovered. The entire western Balkans region has still not fully recovered from the violent break-up of Yugoslavia.

The human tragedy that befell Bosnia and its citizens in places less known such as Bihac, Zepa, Gorazde, and Visegrad needs to be revisited and marked in its proper place in the memory of human experience and history. If the international community had possessed the will to protect the UN-designated "safe haven" of Srebrenica, it would have prevented the tragic outcome and thousands of innocent lives would have been with us here today. The world had said "never again" to genocide, only to abandon the people of Bosnia to an unspeakable nightmare. Today, let us remind ourselves of the consequences: Srebrenica was the worst single atrocity in Europe after World War II. We cannot pretend that Bosnia's struggles are simply in the past, nor that the country has fully stabilized. The people of Bosnia are still trying to rebuild their country, to reform the institutions that were responsible for the genocide, and to move beyond ethno-territorial divisions into a functional democratic state.

As we mark July 11th, we must always remember the innocent people who lost their lives while the international community failed to act. We must acknowledge that justice will prevail only when General Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic are apprehended, and we must never forget the horrors that befell the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES M. LARIVIERE, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and bid farewell to an exceptional leader, patriot, and friend, James M. Lariviere, as he retires from civilian Federal service. A Marine Corps Reserve colonel selected for promotion to brigadier general, he is returning to active duty to continue his distinguished military career.

Throughout his life Jim Lariviere has been a devoted servant to his country and fellow citizens. A native of Rochester, New York, he earned a bachelor's degree in history from the Citadel in 1979. During my freshman year at the Citadel, Jim personally ensured that I was "squared away" when I navigated the trials and tribulations of "knob year" in the Corps of Cadets. While at the Citadel, Jim distinguished himself with scholarship having worn academic gold stars, and with military bearing as a member of the junior sword drill, Summerall Guards, and as Regimental Adjutant for the Corps of Cadets.

Upon graduation, Jim was commissioned as an officer with the United States Marine Corps. During his time on active duty, Jim Lariviere commanded a force reconnaissance platoon in Beirut, Lebanon, and served as a company executive officer, company commander, assistant operations officer, and White House Social Aide. He is a graduate of the Amphibious Reconnaissance School, U.S. Army Ranger School and earned the privilege to wear the Navy Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia. In every assignment he excelled in his service, being recognized by numerous awards and medals, including: The Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 2 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Medal. Jim also holds a masters degree in national security affairs from Georgetown University and he is a graduate of the Air War College.

Jim left active duty, transitioned to the Marine Corps Reserve and joined my congressional staff in 1993, bringing his military values and experience to the United States House of Representatives. Jim successfully balanced his Reserve duties with a career on Capitol Hill. Initially, he worked on my office staff as the military legislative assistant handling national security, veterans', and technology issues. He also acted as the lead staff member for the House National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus. In February 1999, he joined the professional staff of the House Armed Services Committee as a member of the policy group where he had responsibility for a wide variety of defense policy issues including national security and military strategy, force structure policy, on-going military operations, peacekeeping, and military readiness policy.

In 2003, Jim Lariviere joined the firm of Holland & Knight LLP as a Senior National Secu-

rity Policy Advisor, working directly with the late Congresswoman Tillie Fowler. He also served as a consultant to the Defense Policy Board. In May 2005, he returned to Capitol Hill as the Republican Staff Director of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs during the 109th Congress, when I was chairman. While staff director, he was ordered to active duty in Afghanistan from June through December 2006. While in Afghanistan as part of operation Enduring Freedom, he served as Deputy Director for Training Operations, Plans and Education at the Combined Security Assistance Command. During the same period, he also served as mentor to the G-3 of the Afghan National Army. For his military service in Afghanistan he was awarded the Bronze Star.

During his tenure as staff director, he led and supervised the committee and subcommittee staffs in their legislative and oversight work, which included the enactment of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005, which became Public Law 109-80, and the Veterans' Benefits, Health Care and Information Technology Act of 2006, which became Public Law 109-461.

When I became the Ranking Republican Member in 2007, Jim Lariviere continued as the Republican staff director. He was instrumental in the minority staff development of a Republican alternative budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 and in a successful amendment to the Wounded Warrior Act, which was incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181. His tireless efforts resulted in significant improvements in the care and treatment of injured or ill servicemembers returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jim has spent his life dedicated to serving this Nation. As he takes yet another step in continuing that service, as a warrior, a leader, and a patriot in every facet, I am confident that he will do so with strong devotion to the country and to men and women who defend our freedom and way of life.

I am honored to call this family man my friend. He has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him and he embodies the principles and character that epitomizes what is expected of a model Marine Corps officer, or any officer.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the remarkable career of Jim Lariviere and to thank him for his leadership and honorable service to our country. I say to him, "Bravo Zulu" and wish him, his wife, Virginia, and their four children, much success and happiness during the next chapters of their lives. "Hit it smack"

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD M. FORTUNATO

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Edward M. Fortunato, United States Army, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato, a

truly exceptional officer, has served our great Nation for more than 20 years and I am proud to call him my friend.

Over the past three years, I have had the honor of working with LTC Fortunato on a variety of issues during his tenure as the Congressional Liaison for all Army Aviation programs. As a fellow aviator, I have come to know and respect Ed and his dedication to his work on behalf of the warfighter. There is no doubt that LTC Fortunato has been instrumental in educating Members of the House Armed Services Committee on Army Aviation programs and initiatives. His tireless efforts working with members of the Committee and staff was singularly instrumental in the successful authorization and appropriation of the Light Utility Helicopter, Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter, Joint Cargo Aircraft, Chinook Multi-year, Apache, Black Hawk Multi-year and numerous Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Aviation Research and Development projects.

My staff and I worked especially closely with Ed on the Joint Cargo Aircraft program, and I am convinced that the success of our Congressional efforts, and the ability of the JCA program to move forward, is in large part due to LTC Fortunato.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank LTC Fortunato for his tireless efforts in the support of Army transformation. His professionalism, expertise, and efforts showcase his patriotism, and his dedication to his fellow aviators and warfighters in the field. LTC Fortunato is a true Jedi Knight.

I want to personally thank LTC Ed Fortunato, his wife Monique and his entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and the contributions they have made throughout his honorable military service. I congratulate LTC Ed Fortunato on completing an exceptional and extremely successful military career and his dedicated service to our Nation. I wish Ed and his family many blessings and much success as he begins his future endeavors and embarks on new adventures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD votes I would have cast had I been present for Rollcall votes 434 through 440 and 465 through 470. I was absent on part of the day Friday, June 20th, Monday, June 23rd, Thursday, June 26th, and Tuesday July 8th due to personal reasons.

If I were present I would have voted, "nay" on Rollcall vote 434; "nay" on Rollcall vote 435; "nay" on Rollcall vote 436; "yea" on Rollcall vote 437; "yea" on Rollcall vote 438; "yea" on Rollcall vote 439; "yea" on Rollcall vote 440; "yea" on Rollcall vote 465; "yea" on Rollcall vote 466; "aye" on Rollcall vote 467; "yea" on Rollcall vote 468; "nay" on Rollcall vote 469; "yea" on Rollcall vote 470; "aye" on Rollcall vote 471; "aye" on Rollcall vote 472; and "aye" on Rollcall vote 473.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DOROTHEA E. HOSKINS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to Dorothea E. Hoskins an outstanding daughter of Harlem who recently passed away. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable woman who, over her many years and under much adversity, was an ardent supporter of civil rights, human liberty and a leader in the Postal Service.

The death of Dorothea on June 28, 2008, brought immense sorrow and loss to her family and friends, and to the countless individuals associated with the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees. Dorothea was respected and esteemed by all the members throughout the United States Postal Service where she served as a clerk from 1989 until her retirement from the New York Planetarium Station.

"Dottie" as she was affectionately known, was an inspiration and true symbol of strength and commitment to her church family as a faithful member of St. Luke's Baptist Church for more than 60 years. She was a shining representation of selfless love for mankind, and derived significant gratification from her years of service with St. Luke's, citing the joy of spreading the word of salvation through Jesus Christ to the lost and created support for missionaries throughout the world.

As a staunch supporter of civil rights and human liberties, she served as an Executive Committee Member of the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch for over two decades, served on various committees, and frequently chaired Black History Month Programs.

Dorothea also served as a leader by encouraging the exchange of professional knowledge among Alliance members nation-wide and provided long-term service within District VIII of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees while serving as District VIII President from 1990–1992. She achieved so much during the span of her career that her comrades will continue to benefit from her work even as they miss her ongoing presence among us.

Madam Speaker, rather than mourn her passing, I hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Dorothea Hoskins by remembering that she exemplified greatness in every way.

GREATER LAKE HOUSTON HEART WALK

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, On June 30th Texans from the greater lake Houston area joined together to participate in The American Heart Association's Greater Lake Houston Heart Walk. The number one and number three killers of Americans Heart disease and

stroke do not discriminate against age, race, or gender.

By raising awareness, encouraging physical activity, and involving the community, participants are empowered with life altering information. Through initiatives like the greater lake Houston walk, the American Heart Association's goal is to not only encourage physical exercise but to also educate the community about circulatory diseases. According to the census bureau, in 2005 over 36,000,000 people reported being diagnosed with either Heart Disease or Stroke.

Participants in the American Heart Association Walks can learn about why it is important to stay healthy, and at the same time contribute to research, advocacy, and public education. Donations raised through sponsorships and citizens alike have allowed the American Heart Association to continue its mission since 1924. In the years 2005–2006 they invested more than \$543 million in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Perhaps one of the most important means of Heart Disease and Stroke prevention is the regular maintenance of a healthy lifestyle. This measure is especially connected to regular physical exercise as many risk factors are all interrelated to a lack thereof. These include inactivity, excess weight, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure.

Through educating Americans of risk factors, symptoms, and prevention the hope is to reduce instances of heart disease and stroke 25 percent by 2010. Community involvement in the Greater Lake Houston Heart Walk and others like it encourages others to also become aware of the number one and number 3 killers of Americans. From heart healthy eating to physical activity, learning the means of prevention and passing them along, is the key to these walks' successes.

EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF MARVA ALLEN AND HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for Marva Allen and the Hue-Man bookstore's contribution to the community.

Marva Allen, entrepreneur, author and visionary, became a managing partner/CEO of the Hue-Man bookstore in 2004. Born in Jamaica, Allen earned her degrees in England and the U.S., launched a multi-million dollar computer tech company and built a very successful career in the business world. Her creative ways and fresh ideas for a new business made Hue-Man Bookstore and Cafe a successful project and a crown jewel of Harlem. In addition to being a bookstore, Hue-Man is a cultural and community center.

Marva Allen's focus is the literacy for all. She firmly believes that through her business, she is able to bring and impact change for the community of Harlem. She is a member of various philanthropic organizations, such as LitWorld, that addresses literacy worldwide, St. Hope Leadership Academy, an educational center, and Melvin Van Peebles Foundation,